

STEINBRENNER PTSA NEWSLETTER

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Lutz, Florida 33558
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A Hillsborough County School



Visit our website: steinbrennerptsa.com

Last Chance to Order Senior Banners DEADLINE TO ORDER: Friday, March 10

The final days to order your Senior Banner are upon us! Do not miss this fun way to celebrate your Senior.

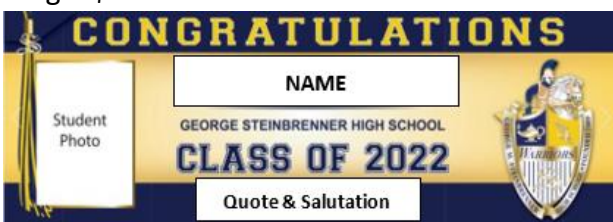
[CLICK HERE](#) to place your order.

Photo, quote, and/or salutation are also due by March 10.

Submit your favorite photo in a high-resolution format. This is equivalent to a scanned 8x10. The photo will be enlarged to approximately 2 feet for the banner. Email your photo, quote, and/or salutation to gshsptsaseniorbanners@gmail.com

Small: \$40

Large: \$75



Banners will be displayed at school starting April 25!

STUDENT AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Senior Banner Hanging
April 24

Senior Banner Take Down
May 15

Meet in the Steinbrenner cafeteria after school (2:30)

We need parent and student volunteers to hang up and take down senior banners. **We are also in need of 10-foot ladders.** The ladders will be returned to the owners at the conclusion of each initiative.

Rising Seniors can earn PTSA volunteer hours which are a requirement for the Senior Scholarship 2024.

Contact gshsptsaseniorbanners@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

Calendar

March:

- 1 Juniors take SAT during school day hours
- 6 No School
- 7 **6:00pm; Senior Sunset**
- 10 **Deadline to order your Senior Banner (pg. 1)**
- 10 **Deadline to submit your Senior Banner photo, quote, and salutation (pg. 1)**
- 13-17 Spring Break-No School
- 24 End of 3rd Grading Period

April:

- 7 No School
- 13 Senior Honors Graduate Banquet (morning)
- 13 Senior Awards: Invite Only-Student and Family Event (evening)
- 24 **2:30pm; Steinbrenner Cafeteria-Volunteers Hang Senior Banners (pg. 1)**

May:

- 1-5 **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**

*Dates and times are subject to change

[PTSA Calendar](#)
[Steinbrenner HS Calendar](#)
[District Calendar](#)

2022-2023 Board Members

President: Alison Newman
Treasurer: Natasha Sherwood
1st VP Membership: Tamara Ponce
2nd VP Strategic Planning: Hanna Curry
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4th VP Volunteers: Venessa Daughtrey
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Bethany Mis
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Monica Young
Principal: Tiffany Ewell



Steinbrenner PTSA Needs YOU!

Our PTSA is looking for volunteers to fill vacancies for the 2023-2024 school year. Join our dedicated and fun group of volunteers and stay connected to Steinbrenner. Any level of commitment is welcome, and we have opportunities for anyone who would like to be involved.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Alison Newman at gshsptsapresident@gmail.com.



Help us reach our budgeted goal so we can continue to support Teacher Grants, Senior Scholarships, Campus Beautification, and so much more.

JOIN ONLINE BY [CLICKING HERE](#).

Questions: Email gshsptsamembership@gmail.com

Save money! Businesses offer discounts to PTA members. [CLICK HERE](#) to see how you can take advantage.

CLASS OF 2024

PTSA Senior Scholarship Volunteer Opportunities

Save the dates! More information will be posted on social media.

- March 7:** Senior Sunset-6:00pm
- April 12:** Senior Honors Graduate Banquet setup (evening, time TBA)
- April 13:** Senior Awards-invite only, Student and Family Event (evening, time TBA)
- April 24:** Hanging Senior Banners-2:30pm
- May 15:** Take down Senior Banners-2:30pm
- May 18:** Senior Send Off (time TBA)

Email to sign up: gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com

ALL VOLUNTEERS:

Want to volunteer at Steinbrenner? [CLICK HERE](#) to select the volunteer opportunities that interest you.

If you have not filled out the district's volunteer application, do so by [CLICKING HERE](#). All volunteers are required to have an approved application on file.

Want Volunteer Hours Toward the Bright Futures Scholarship?

Submit an article and at least one picture to the PTSA Newsletter and start earning required volunteer hours toward the Bright Futures Scholarship.

- Article can be about anything school/education related or a topic that is important to you and others your age.
- **Must include at least one picture.** Student is not required to be in the picture.

Deadline to submit an article for the next newsletter is March 26. Submitted articles must be well written, are subject to editing, and will be forwarded to Ms. Ewell for approval prior to publishing.

Submit your article, picture(s), and/or questions to Leslie Nixon at shsptsanews@gmail.com.

Student Leadership Advisory Council



On Valentine's Day, the Student Leadership Advisory Council decided to show the teachers how much they are appreciated. The members delivered signed valentines and rice crispy treats to each teacher and staff member.



Conference Night



Our PTSA Hospitality Committee served Publix Sandwiches for the Q3 conference night.



STAY IN THE KNOW

Steinbrenner PTSA Website: www.steinbrennerptsa.org

The PTSA website can be translated into a variety of languages. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Select Language." From there, choose your preferred language.

Steinbrenner PTSA online store: <https://gshsptsa.memberhub.store/>

PTSA Newsletter: The Steinbrenner PTSA newsletter will be sent monthly to all registered families. shsptsanews@gmail.com

Steinbrenner PTSA Facebook: Join the Steinbrenner PTSA Facebook page for the latest school news. <https://www.facebook.com/steinbrennerptsa/>

PTSA Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SteinbrennerPTA>

School News: Steinbrenner High School website <http://steinbrenner.mysdhc.org/>

District News: Hillsborough County School District Website <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org>

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[National PTA](#)

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PTSA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

HCC PTA/PTSA 2022-2023
GEORGE O'CONNOR VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

**TWO \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS
WILL BE AWARDED**

All applicants must be current members of a Hillsborough PTSA and must be graduating from a Hillsborough County high school in 2023. Deadline for submission is March 12, 2023, 11:59pm EST.

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2023. Scholarships will be awarded at the HCC PTA/PTSA awards banquet held on May 20, 2023.

We Want to Hear from YOU

Steinbrenner PTSA is looking for input from our GSHS teachers, parents, and students for new ideas to make our PTSA more meaningful to our Warrior Community. If you have an idea for a new program or something you would like to see from the PTSA, we would love to hear it!

Please email Hanna Curry at gshsptsastrategicplanning@gmail.com with subject line "New Idea."



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FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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Congratulations Orchestra!

On February 23, the Steinbrenner Concert, Symphonic, and Chamber Orchestras received Straight Superiors at Music Performance Assessment. Congratulations on all your hard work.



PTSA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COUNCIL PTA/PTSA
SCHOLARSHIP 2022-2023

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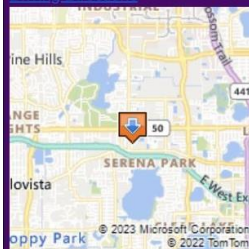
Saturday, April 15, 2023 from
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM EDT

[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

Second Harvest Food Bank of
Central Florida
411 Mercy Dr.
Orlando, FL 32805

[Driving Directions](#)



Florida PTA is celebrating 100 Years of Advocacy for Children

Join Florida PTA to commemorate the past century of progress promoting the educational equity and adequacy in resources and opportunities for students, especially those from

underserved and otherwise vulnerable communities. They have worked tirelessly to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children, across the state and the country alike.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

To register, [CLICK HERE](#)



THANK YOU! YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS OUR PTSA AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

My Fitness Answer is a private fitness training studio located in Lutz.

They take your health and fitness goals seriously by creating a personalized fitness and nutrition plan for you. Their goal is to change your view on fitness and health.

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<https://myfitnessanswer.com/> for more information.

[CLICK HERE](#) for client reviews.



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Mon - Fri: 8:00am - 8:00pm Sat - Sun: 9:00am - 5:00pm

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info@lutzuc.com | lutzuc.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR PTSA & SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

An appointment is not needed, but feel free to check out their website www.lutzuc.com and fill out the patient registration form to speed up the process.

Most major insurances accepted.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

#1 community bank in Florida and top 100 nationwide by American Banker.

Invest in your community when you open a checking account with First Citrus Bank.

Visit their website www.firstcitrus.com for more information. First Citrus Bank can help you with all your personal and business banking needs.

BECOME A STEINBRENNER PTSA BUSINESS PARTNER

We are currently looking for businesses in our community and corporate sponsors to help our school succeed this school year. With your partnership, we will be able to continue offering support to our students and teachers.

- ❖ Donations of funds, products, and/or services are tax deductible.
- ❖ Business Partners will be featured on the PTSA website and in our newsletter that is published to over 2000 Steinbrenner families.

If your business would like to partner with Steinbrenner PTSA and help us provide additional opportunities for our students, teachers, and staff, please contact us at gshsptsasponsors@gmail.com.



STEINBRENNER SPIRIT WEAR

[Mascot Universe](#) is the place to go for all your spirit wear needs! Their location, in the Publix plaza next to Rice and Roll, has lots of space for all the Steinbrenner spirit wear. Shop there for several of our new designs.

[Mascot Universe](#) donates back to our PTSA for every Steinbrenner item purchased.

Cannot make it to the store? [CLICK HERE](#) to place an order.

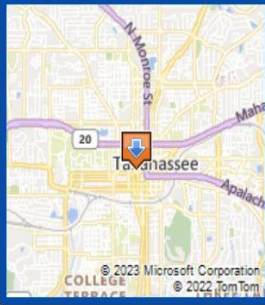


When

Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM EDT
 -to-
 Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM EDT
[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

TCC Center for Innovation
 300 W. Pensacola St.
 Tallahassee, FL 32301



Register for the Florida PTA’s Annual Legislative Conference, known as “LegCon”. LegCon is designed to educate you about important pending state legislation and policy initiatives, as well as provide you with direction on Florida PTA’s legislative strategy. Their advocacy efforts are based on legislative priorities as well as National and Florida PTA Resolution/Position Statements and extended beyond the legislature to the Governor’s office and the Department of Education, and other state administrative

agencies and boards.

Who should attend?

Everyone who is concerned about the education health, safety, and well-being of all children: parents and caregivers, teachers, students, child advocacy allies, community members.

All meetings/training sessions will be held at:

TCC Center for Innovation
 300 W. Pensacola St.
 Tallahassee, FL 32301

LegCon will include informative guest presenters, talking points for your meetings, and networking opportunities.

March 26 6:00pm LegCon doors open.
 6:30 Meet and Greet Dinner.
 March 27 9:00am Sessions start.
 March 28 Tour of the Capital. Meet with your legislators.

Registration Fees: Adult \$75 Student \$25

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

**2023 Teacher Appreciation Week
 May 1-5**

Teacher Appreciation Week is quickly approaching, and we need your help!

Our teachers and staff are dedicated to our children’s education and well-being. We want to show them how much we appreciate everything they do.

We need donations from local businesses to use as teacher gifts. Donations to Steinbrenner PTSA are:

- Tax deductible.
- Acknowledged and thanked in the Steinbrenner PTSA Newsletter that is sent out to all registered parents.
- Acknowledged and thanked on social media.

Monetary donations are also accepted through our online store. Donate by [CLICKING HERE](#).

If you are interested in donating, please contact Melissa Siebels at gshsptsastaffappreciation@gmail.com.

Additional information about Teacher Appreciation Week is coming soon!

National PTA



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

- ✓ Attend an upcoming PTA meeting, even if your child isn’t currently attending.
- ✓ Mentor or tutor a local student.
- ✓ Volunteer to help at the next school fair or other school activity.
- ✓ Mark your calendar and attend the next school board meeting.
- ✓ Contact your local school for ways to volunteer or donate time or money.
- ✓ Share your local story with the Learning First Alliance

Celebrate and uplift our nation’s public schools and the teachers, leaders, staff, parents, and community members who support our students in so many ways. [CLICK HERE](#) to get involved.



Celebrate Earth Day with our PTA Day of Service

April 22, 2023

Plan Earth Day activities to help build a better environment in your community.



To help create a healthy earth, we all must play our part. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about what your family can do to form healthy habits related to preventing waste and conserving energy. Save the date to celebrate Earth Day with our 2023 National PTA Day of Service.

Florida PTA



Florida PTA's Committee Interest Survey is now open year-round for volunteer applications. As the needs of Florida PTA change, so does the availability of potential volunteer opportunities. [CLICK HERE](#) to apply.

Florida PTA



WORKSHOPS! WORKSHOPS! WORKSHOPS!

Florida PTA would love for you to share your expertise and knowledge at their 2023 Leadership Convention.

July 13-16

Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate
Champions Gate, Florida

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



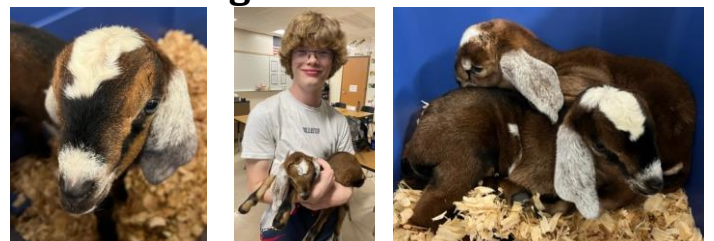
A Podcast for Parents, by Parents

PTA is working to ensure our public schools provide a high-quality education for every child to reach their full potential. [Notes from the Backpack](#) is a PTA podcast designed for millions of parents and the decisionmakers they influence.

Through the unique combination of expert, parent, and educator guests, each episode features engaging conversations that offer real life advice and ideas on how to support children's learning and development.

**Real Experts. Real Parents.
Real Conversations.**

Steinbrenner's Veterinary Assistant Program is the G.O.A.T.



Steinbrenner's Veterinary Assistant students had the opportunity to take care of newborn kids.





Transforming Family-School Partnerships with PTA's National Standards Webinar Series

National PTA's Center for Family Engagement is partnering with the Institute for Educational Leadership for a five-part webinar series. The goal is to help district, school, and parent/community leaders explore our six National Standards for Family-School Partnerships through panel discussions with leading practitioners, researchers, and policy makers. Our hope is to improve family-school partnerships so that all children can reach their full potential.

All Webinars start at 2:00pm.

- January 25-Webinar 1: Welcome All Families
- February 15-Webinar 2: Communicate Effectively
- March 1-Webinar 3: Support Student Success
- March 29-Webinar 4: Speak Up for Every Child and Share Power
- April 19-Webinar 5: Collaborate with Community

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3k9gpF6>

Orchestra

Do you have a student who is interested in joining Steinbrenner Orchestra next year? Steinbrenner Orchestra has three different levels of ensembles:

- Concert Orchestra - Freshman that completed middle school orchestra and first year players.
- Symphonic Orchestra - Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.
- Chamber Orchestra - Students who auditioned during the previous school year.

If your middle schooler is enrolling at Steinbrenner for the 2023-2024 school year and you have questions about placement, email andrea.szarowicz@hcps.net. Orchestra has many opportunities for all students.

Auditions – Chamber Orchestra

Tuesday, April 18
4:00-8:00pm

Music will be released March 1, 2023, to all Middle Schools and Steinbrenner High School students. For more information email andrea.szarowicz@hcps.net.

Chorus



On February 10, Entourage, High Profile, and 4 soloists performed at District Solo and Ensemble. All soloists and both choirs earned Superior ratings! This is the highest rating and allows Steinbrenner Chorus to participate at State Solo and Ensemble in Orlando at the end of March.



Steinbrenner Orchestra Concert

Friday, April 28
6:00-9:00pm

Steinbrenner Auditorium

Tickets sold at the door
Cash: \$5.00 per person
Credit: \$5.50 per person

Children under 5 years old and Steinbrenner Faculty are free.

Everyone is welcome!



Warriors Against Cancer

Steinbrenner's club, Warriors Against Cancer, has dedicated this school year to fundraising for an important cause with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). The club is competing with other Tampa Bay area schools in the Student Visionaries of the Year Program. This is a philanthropic leadership development campaign helping to support the mission of LLS.

The club's leaders are Cole Bennett, Lauren Scotch, and Emma Barger. The club's sponsor is Mr. Collins. They are excited to bring this great cause to Steinbrenner. Their wish is that the club will continue to partner with LLS and grow their fundraising efforts in future years.

As part of their fundraising campaign, the club held a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza.



Working frequently with their LLS mentor has given them experience with writing fundraising letters, meeting with executives, networking, event planning, and more. The team members also have opportunities to earn Bright Futures hours.

The team needs help to reach their fundraising goal. For anyone who is interested in supporting the cause, donations can be made by [CLICKING HERE](#). No amount is too small, and any amount is appreciated. The club will also be participating in two events, World Cancer Day and Relay for Life. These are just two opportunities for you to get involved and support Warriors Against Cancer in the fight to cure cancer.

To stay up to date on Warriors Against Cancer events, follow them on Instagram at [@warriors.against.cancer](#).

Care for Kids Club

Care for Kids is a service club started last year by Junior, Ana Hernandez. She wanted to create a way to support students in our community who are experiencing a difficult time.



Care for Kids' main goal is to ensure the students know that Steinbrenner is here to be a friend during this hard time. The club meets after school to decorate and assemble "pick-me-up" bags with items such as puzzles, coloring books, candy, stuffed animals, and more. With the help of Mr. Strickland, Steinbrenner's social worker, the anonymous students receive their care packages.

Last year, Care for Kids provided service to our Steinbrenner, Martinez, and McKittrick community. This year, the club has expanded service to schools all over Hillsborough County. Ana and her club have sent over 100 gifts bags to other Hillsborough schools.

Care for kids is always in need of donations. If you can donate items for our "pick-me-up bags", please contact Mrs. Prokop in room 351.

Questions? Email heather.prokop@hcps.net.



STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES

The End of the Year is Fast Approaching

We are more than halfway through the 3rd quarter and the end of the school year is approaching quickly. Hopefully the enthusiasm your student had when we returned from winter break is still going strong. It is extremely important for students and parents to continue monitoring grades and assignments on Canvas. Reach out to your student's teachers with any concerns.

Programming

Your student should have met with their Guidance Counselor to discuss their 2023-2024 course selections. If your student missed their meeting, they should schedule one immediately.

If your student received additional paperwork at their meeting, it is imperative that it is completed and returned as soon as possible. This paperwork is needed for enrollment into certain classes.

March 10 – Deadline for course selection changes

The form to request changes is found on the Guidance Services page of Canvas.

SAT for Juniors

On March 1, Juniors were given the opportunity to take a free SAT at school. This is an official SAT and the scores earned can be reported to potential colleges.

Super-Score

This may have been your student's first official SAT and they are planning to test again in the future. Most colleges and universities encourage students to send all test scores. The combination of scores becomes a Super-Score. A Super-Score reports the highest score earned for each section of the SAT.

Students can send SAT scores to their preferred college(s) through their College Board account.

Dual Enrollment

Hillsborough Community College (HCC) implemented a new process for ordering textbooks. It is very important that students check their email and hawkmail. Several students had book orders cancelled. Others are being charged fines for books they need to return.

Dual enrollment courses are completed through HCC. Students must be aware of the requirements and deadlines imposed by HCC. Issues with registration, classes, textbooks, etc., must be dealt with through HCC.

National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Congratulations to our National Merit Finalists:

- Kartikey Gupta
- Louis Li
- Andrew Maroun

These students took the PSAT during their Junior year and received some of the highest scores in the state.

General H. Norman Schwarzkopf Leadership Award

Congratulations to Brook Dicampfi for being selected as the recipient of the General H. Norman Schwarzkopf Leadership Award. Students who receive this honor display exemplary character and attitude, leadership achievement, athletic ability, high academic standing, and submit an essay on "Duty, Honor, Country".

NOPE of Hillsborough County Scholarship

April 5 – Deadline

No test score, GPA, or household income requirement. Any Senior who has attended a NOPE Presentation, in school or virtually, in the last 4 years may apply. [CLICK HERE](#) to apply.

STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES CONTINUED...

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

Bright Futures Scholarships are some of the best scholarships your student can work toward. These are non-competitive, state funded scholarships guaranteed to Florida high school graduates who meet the requirements by graduation.

This March, all Juniors and Seniors will receive a Bright Futures evaluation. This will let your student know how close they are to qualifying for a scholarship and serve as a reference for requirements that need to be completed for eligibility.

ALL SENIORS should complete the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA). This ensures your qualifying student receives their Bright Futures funding. [CLICK HERE](#) for the application or find it on Canvas under the Guidance Services, "Bright Futures" tab.

SENIORS: May 1 is the deadline to submit your volunteer or paid work hours.

Profferfish volunteer hours may be approved if the submitted form is completed in its entirety and all signatures are present. Three signatures are required: organization volunteer coordinator, student, and parent.

Paid work hours must be turned in using the Paid Work Hours Log which can be found on the Guidance Services page of Canvas.

Important Information for Seniors and their Families

If your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was successfully submitted, award package information should be available. Find this information in your student's individual college portals. When making college decisions, Seniors are encouraged to compare the cost of attending each school along with the aid packages they are offered. In addition, parents and seniors should discuss the cost of their post-secondary aspirations and create a financial plan.

To have access to certain financial aid, complete the FAFSA now. The application requires information from both a student and parent. For helpful information, refer to the Financial Aid tab on the Guidance Services page of Canvas. [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the FAFSA.

Florida Pre-Paid or Bright Futures may not be enough to pay for all college expenses. Scholarship opportunities are posted on the Guidance Services page of Canvas. This page includes "local" scholarships that give our students a better chance of being selected.

Do not miss out on important information from your college. Students should check their college portals regularly.

Many Seniors have shared the exciting news of their college or technical school acceptance or military enlistment with Ms. Krupp. Keep sharing this news so we can celebrate together.

Important Dates

March 1 – SAT for Juniors at Steinbrenner during school hours

March 24 – End of 3rd quarter grading period

March 28 - ACT for Juniors and Seniors who have not met the reading or math graduation benchmark

April 13 (A.M.) – Senior Honors Graduate Banquet (invitation only; for Seniors earning a weighted 4.0 GPA or higher)

April 13 (P.M.) – Senior Awards Ceremony (invitation only; Seniors and Family)

May 1 – All volunteer and paid work hours must be submitted for approval (Seniors only)

May 12 – Deadline for Seniors to complete HVS/FLVS classes

